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Meteorological observations—Averages.

Months.	Prevailing winds.	Atmospheric pressure.	Temperature.	Pressure of dampness.	Comparative dampness.	Fogginess.	Evaporation.	Ozone.	Rainfall.
January.....	SW.	752.7	24.80	18.4	78.5	.7	76.0	101	65.38
February.....	SW.	754.6	24.86	17.9	76.8	.5	80.2	112	62.85
March.....	SW.	754.6	24.62	18.8	81.7	.6	63.9	112	154.02
April.....	SW.	757.37	22.06	16.4	81.6	.6	57.1	83	99.28
May.....	N.	759.35	21.14	15.3	82.4	.6	46.7	189	56.45
June.....	N.	761.53	19.99	14.4	82.7	.6	43.5	110	42.78
July.....	N.	760.37	20.62	14.1	78.6	.3	52.9	102	30.26
August.....	SW.	760.61	20.23	13.3	75.9	.5	70.0	135	27.19
September.....	SW.	760.54	20.17	13.4	76.3	.6	71.8	147	24.20
October.....	SW.	757.27	21.47	14.8	78.6	.7	78.5	165	103.52
November.....	SW.	755.18	22.74	16.9	82.7	.8	58.3	149	96.52
December.....	{ SW. N. }	{ 754.23	25.06	18.2	78.0	.7	78.7	103	127.61

Ships inspected in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro by the medical authorities during the year 1900: 1,196 steamers and 207 sailing vessels, total, 1,403 ships. Movements at the quarantine station of Ilha Grande: Semester I: 168 steamers and 46 sailing vessels—total, 214 ships; Semester II: 378 steamers and 106 sailing vessels—total, 484 ships; 546 steamers and 152 sailing vessels—total, 698 ships.

CANARY ISLANDS, TENERIFFE.

Quarantine against Cardiff, Wales, on account of plague.

TENERIFFE, February 21, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that quarantine has been declared against vessels arriving from Cardiff, Wales. They have to undergo a quarantine of twelve days; this includes from the time of leaving the port above stated. From information it appears that a case of plague died there, and it is indorsed on all bills of health issued by the Spanish consul at Cardiff.

Respectfully,

SOLOMON BERLINER,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Two deaths from plague.

HONGKONG, CHINA, February 12, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended February 9, 1901. The usual disinfection work was done, 586 baths being given and 882 pieces of baggage being disinfected during the week. Two cases of plague occurred during the week among the Chinese population, both resulting in death. No other case of communicable disease was reported during the week.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, week ended February 9, 1901.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Re-jected.
				Cabin.	Steer-age.	
Feb. 4	Am. ss. Cebu (a).....	Manila.....	* 52	0	0	0
Feb. 5	Am. ss. Samoa (a).....	San Francisco.....	80	2	0	0
Do.....	Nor. ss. Koarven (a).....	San Diego.....	44	0	0	2
Feb. 6	Br. str. Kaifong (b).....	Manila.....	68	12	24	0
Do.....	Br. str. Perla (b).....	do.....	72	37	17	0
Feb. 7	Jap. str. America Maru (b).....	San Francisco.....	178	17	53	0
Do.....	Dan. str. Polarstjium (c).....	New York.....	25	0	0	0
Feb. 8	No flag. Tong Wo.....	Manila.....	8	0	0	0
Do.....	Am. str. Albany (a).....	do.....	9	0	0	0
Do.....	Br. str. Fernkals (d).....	Seattle.....	56	0	0	0
Do.....	Br. str. Belgian King (b).....	San Diego.....	57	1	53	0
Feb. 9	Chin. sch. Shun Wo Tseong (a).....	Manila.....	50	0	0	0
Do.....	Br. str. Sungkiang.....	do.....	70	13	24	0

a Asiatic crew bathed and effects disinfected by steam.

b Asiatic crew and steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected by steam.

c Vessel in port thirty-six hours. Supplemental bill, European crew.

d No cargo from this port.

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, March 19, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of transactions at this station for the week ended March 16, 1901:

The yellow fever report for the week shows 2 cases, with 1 death. Thus far for the month there have been 4 cases and 1 death.

On the 12th instant the transport *McClellan* cleared for New York with a number of passengers and the remains of 130 deceased soldiers and Government employees.

Acting Asst. Surg. F. E. Menocal reports that 64 immigrants were discharged from the detention camp and permitted to proceed to Santiago de Cuba. Forty-two of the above number had good vaccination marks; 9 were protected by a previous attack of smallpox; and the remaining 13, not presenting any signs of vaccination or protection from smallpox, were vaccinated.

During the early part of the week the rumor was general that there were several cases of smallpox present in the city. The rumor was investigated and the cases found to be varicella.

A strong norther, with a marked lower temperature, occurred during the latter part of the week, and will, undoubtedly, prove of value in preventing an early rise of yellow fever.

I inclose the usual mortuary statistics for the week.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Island of Cuba.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Summary of transactions at Havana for week ended March 16, 1901.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.

Number of passengers inspected and passed.....	742
Number of passengers vaccinated.....	8
Total.....	750